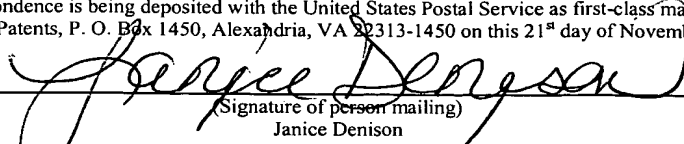




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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2003, Applicants answer as follows.

Remarks

Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-5 and 34-37) with traverse. With respect to the further restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect the polymorphism insertion (307) with traverse. It is respectfully submitted that it would not be an undue burden on the Examiner to search all of the claims of this application at once. All of the claims are drawn to the same polymorphic segments of the human TACR1 gene, i.e., all claims are drawn to either nucleic acid segments containing the polymorphisms, or methods of using the same. As such, it would not be an undue burden upon the Examiner to search all claims simultaneously.